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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, applicant submits the documents attached hereto. All documents are to be made of record in the aboveidentified case. A listing of said documents on form PTO/SB/08a is also attached.

It is believed that the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing date of the First Office Action; therefore, no filing fee is believed to be required. If a filing fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge applicants' deposit account 01-1350 for the full amount of said fee.

Chinese Patent Application No. 1099502C is not in the English language; however, an English language equivalent, PCT Patent No. WO98/33982, is provided herewith.

This statement is not intended to represent that no better art exists. Applicants reserve the right to contest the applicability of the documents attached hereto as prior art in the event that any information is discovered which demonstrates that said documents do not qualify as prior art.

Consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. The claimed invention is, however, deemed to represent a patentable departure from the teachings of the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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